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Republican Ticket.

For President,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
of New York.

For Vice-President,
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS,
of Indiana.

And now the Santa Fe is coming into Great Muskogee. All railroads lead to the metropolis.

The street car company is getting busy and in a short time there will be something doing in that line.

The editor is in St. Louis this week attending the Masonic congress and hence the editorial column may not be as full as usual.

The contract for that \$40,000 opera house has been let, this is in keeping with the town. We are not growing but have a healthy growth.

Roosevelt will carry New York and McGuire will win in Oklahoma, and the new state of Oklahoma will enter the union under a Republican administration.

The preacher who gives more time to politics than religion is a d—n poor preacher and the flock will soon be hunting another shepherd. History repeats itself even in Muskogee.

There are some good men who belong to the Lincoln club (Ivory Blacks) and who do not know the real cause for the organization of this political orphan, and there are a few, not many, good men who belong to the Lilywhite club, and who are not lilywhites. These good men will soon see the cloven foot of the devil in each club and will hunt other pastures in which to graze.

Taxes are high enough without making an increase for mudworks, that we can have without expenditure of another \$100,000. We think that those who use water should pay for it, and those who don't should not; and the way to have these conditions prevail is to sell to private persons and save the \$250 per day expense.

The Lincoln club held a meeting Friday night, so reported in the Phoenix, and took in mem-

bers; also resolved that they withdraw from the Muskogee club. We presume the masters of the Lily white club made this order. We are waiting to see the day when the Ivory-blacks can visit the Lily-whites and make some speeches same as the lilies do in theirs.

Negroes who make an effort to get away from the race by bleaching the skin and straightening the hair may be classed as one story Negroes and each time they are set down on by the white man they correspond very nicely to the epithet "Go way nigger your hair don't shine you may be my color but you are not my kind.—Appreciator.

We have a few of that kind of animals here, and to be truthful they are not worth three whoops in hell and give it themselves.

The merchants of our town are entitled to the trade of our citizens, they help pay the taxes that support our public institutions. The traveling faker, and agents for outside firms should receive no patronage from the citizens. The L. B. Price Merchandise Co. have agents in this town who take out hundreds of dollars, possibly, each month. This is an injury to the town and is not treating our business men right. Goods can be bought from our merchants just as reasonable and they are entitled to our trade.

THE VARDAMAN MATTER.

Will the Democrats try to make an issue of the post office department's refusal to give Gov. Vardaman's name to one of the 4th class post office of Mississippi? Some persons in that state asked Postmaster General Payne to call a new post office of that class Vardaman, and he refused. The report that he refused, when it first came out, aroused some excitement in Mississippi. It is said that the governor was very angry about the slight, or what he calls slight. This is a matter, however, which is entirely in the hands of the post office department, and the state authorities can do nothing about it.

If the Democrats make an issue of the question the Republicans will be pleased. There was no good reason why the United States government should do anything to honor Vardaman. On the other hand, there are very good reasons why the government should refrain from doing anything of the kind. Vardaman has been one of the most blatant of the enemies of the national administration. He is a negro hater, who goes a little farther in his crusade even than Tillman. He would deprive the blacks out of his state of any sort of education except of the most rudimentary order. Ignoring the fact that there are a good many negroes in the United States who stands head and shoulders above himself intellectually, Vardaman declares the negro belongs to a race which education harms instead of helps.

Manifestly, a man like Vardaman does not deserve any honor

at the hand of the national government or from any other quarter. The people of Mississippi threw discredit on themselves by preferring him to several worthy Democrats who were mentioned in connection with the governorship. It is said to be intention of Vardaman's friends to start a new crusade against President Roosevelt on account of his post office matter. The President and the Republican party hope that these persons will do this. By exciting the enmity of men of the Vardaman stripe, the administration furnishes a new reason why it will receive the plaudits of

the American people. If the Democrats want to make a new negro or Vardaman issue, the Republicans will very cheerfully accommodate them. The Republicans can sweep the country without Vardaman's aid, but his pernicious activity will and a few hundreds or thousands to the Roosevelt majority on November 8.—Globe Democrat

The lightning bug is a brilliant, But he hasn't any mind, He meanders through the darkness With his headlight on behind, Likewise the foolish merchant, Whome no one can advise. He declares there's nothin' doin' When asked to advertise.—Ex.

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Overdrafts (Cotton)	23,198.69	Surplus and Profit	16,978.26
Bonds and Premiums	106,080.49	Circulation	50,000.00
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